

Creating a Government Study Guide

1. What was the name of America's first government?
2. How many parts or branches made up that government?
 - a. What kind of Branch was it?
 - b. What was its job?
3. Why did America's first government fail?
4. What event convinced many Americans that it was necessary to create a new government?
5. What was Daniel Shays' occupation?
6. Why was Daniel Shays mad at the courts in the state of Massachusetts?
7. What did he and his friends do to show their anger?
8. Under the Articles of Confederation what did the national government do in response to Shays' Rebellion? Why?
9. What was the name of the meeting that was held to revise the articles of confederation?
10. Where was the meeting held? (city & building)
11. How many delegates attended that meeting?
12. What state did not send delegates?
13. Who was unanimously elected as the convention's president?
14. What notable delegates were in attendance?
15. What notable individuals were not present at the Convention?

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16. When we call a state “big” or “small” we are referring to that states _____.
17. What plan was supported by big states? Who wrote that plan?
18. What plan was supported by small states?
19. Big states and small states argued over what issue?
20. What compromise settled the issue between big and small states?
21. Northern and southern states argued over what issue?
22. Northern and southern states decided that slave states could count ___/___ of their slaves toward their state’s population.
23. What was the name of the compromise that settled the dispute over slavery?
24. In order for the new Constitution to go into effect, ___/13 states needed to _____ the Constitution.
25. Supporters of the Constitution were called _____ while opponents were called_____.
26. What were the Federalists Papers? Who wrote them?
27. Federalists calmed the worries of many Antifederalists by adding a _____ to the Constitution.
28. What state was first to ratify the Constitution?
29. Pennsylvania was the _____ state to ratify the Constitution.
30. The Constitution created a government with _____branches. What are they and what are their jobs?
31. Describe the makeup of the legislative branch. _____

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